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U.S. use of Nazis detailed by GAO report and author

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NEW YORK (JTA)—The Judiciary subcommittee on Immigration in the U.S. House of Representatives is scheduled to hold public hearings beginning July 19 on the use of Nazi war criminals by American intelligence agencies. This congressional group headed by Rep. Joshua Eilberg (D-Pa.) has indicated its dissatisfaction with a recent report by the General Accounting Office (GAO), the investigative arm of Congress, on the hitherto secret employment of these accused mass murderers.

A GAO report issued on May 15 stated that there was no evidence of a widespread conspiracy within the U.S. government to cover up the Nazi war criminal cases that have been festering for almost 30 years. Charles R. Allen, Jr., a preeminent expert and author on Nazi war criminals, said he has been called as a witness by the subcommittee to assist them in determining which war criminals have been used by what agencies.

The GAO report mentions an unnamed journalist five times, and says that the CIA, FBI, Defense Department and other agencies had close ties with alleged Nazi war criminals who entered the U.S. after World War II. The unnamed journalist is Allen, who says that he challenges the accuracy of the number of Nazi war criminals and collaborators that U.S. intelligence agencies have admitted to the GAO that they utilized over the last 30 years, without the knowledge of the American public.

Allen said the GAO report indicates his series of articles entitled "Nazi War Criminals Among Us" first forced this issue publicly onto the State Department and Justice Department in 1953.

The GAO report did not name specific Nazi war criminals. One reference to the unnamed journalist takes up an entire page of the 32-page text, using Allen's 1963 charges. The report serves the purpose of at least having made the agencies admit that they utilized Nazi war criminals and collaborators, Allen said. How, When, and Whom, they don't say, and the reason they don't say is that the CIA, FBI and other of the 10 major U.S. intelligence agencies won't tell them.

The GAO further found in its report that the same unnamed journalist is now citing the figure of 254 for the number of Nazi war criminals and collaborators living in the U.S. This is only two more than the official Immigration and Naturalization Service's admission of knowledge of 252.

According to the GAO findings, the CIA admits to having used Nazi war criminals and the FBI admits having contacted 44 Nazi war criminals, and further admits to have employed 7 of them. These figures are based solely on a total 111 samplings from the list of 252.

"I can assure you," Allen said, "that the GAO findings, while helpful, are well short of the mark. I will shortly reveal all of the names of the Nazi war criminals and collaborators that have been used by the 10 major intelligence agencies of the U.S. government, and also detail how they were used." Allen said that he will make this information available to the Judiciary subcommittee and then hold a special press conference in Washington, following the hearings. He is currently working on a new book on Nazi war criminals in America.